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# DETECTIVE COMICS

# BATMAN

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With **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER

TAKE OFF YOUR  
BLINDFOLD, **BATGIRL!**  
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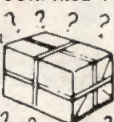
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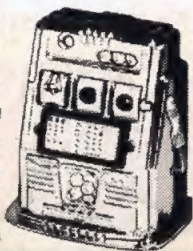
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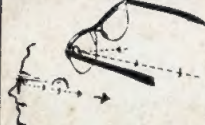
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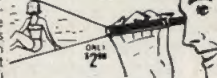
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**BRUCE WAYNE'S FACE!**  
**BATMAN'S**  
REALLY TAKING  
**BATGIRL**--WHOEVER  
SHE IS--INTO HIS  
CONFIDENCE!



**NOBODY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOOK-BANDITS--EXCEPT BATGIRL! NOBODY COULD FATHOM WHERE OR WHEN THEY WOULD ROB--BUT THE DOMINATED DARE-DOLL! NOBODY WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MOB'S MASTERMIND--EXCEPT THE CHIC CRIME-FIGHTER! YET WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR BATGIRL TO PUT THE BOOK-GANG OUT OF CIRCULATION, IT COULD BE DONE ONLY BY HAVING HER LOOK UPON...**

## **THE TRUE-FALSE FACE OF BATMAN!**

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AFTER HOURS IN THE DARKENED HALLS OF THE AMERINDIAN MUSEUM IN GOTHAM CITY--METALLIC SNIPS BETRAY THE RIFLING OF DISPLAY CASES CONTAINING SOLID GOLD INSECTS...

HOW CAN WE MISS ON THIS CAPER--THE WAY IT WAS WORKED OUT FOR US STEP BY STEP BY MR. BRAINS!



OUT OF THE DARKEST SHADOWS EMERGES A CAPED FIGURE...

THE CLUES ADDED UP JUST AS I FIGURED--TO THIS GOLD BUG ROBBERY!



IT'S BATMA-- YULPP!

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK BEFORE YOU'RE JUDDOED TO SLEEP! THAT AIN'T BATMAN!-- IT'S-- BATGIRL!



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YOU WERE EXPECTING MAYBE MISS AMERICA?

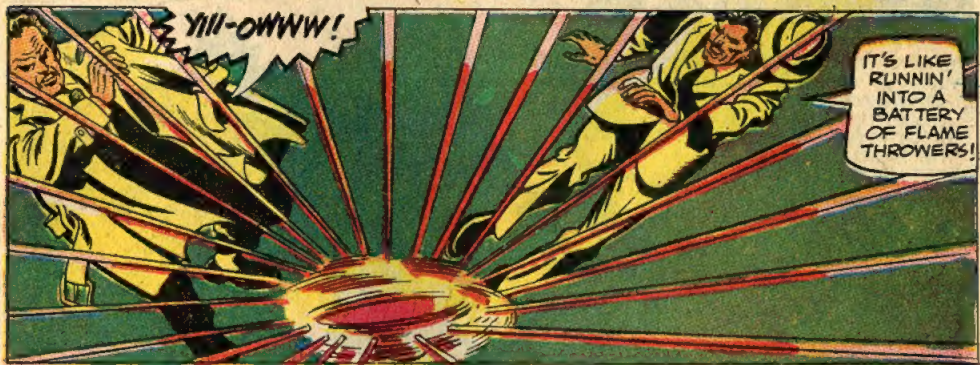
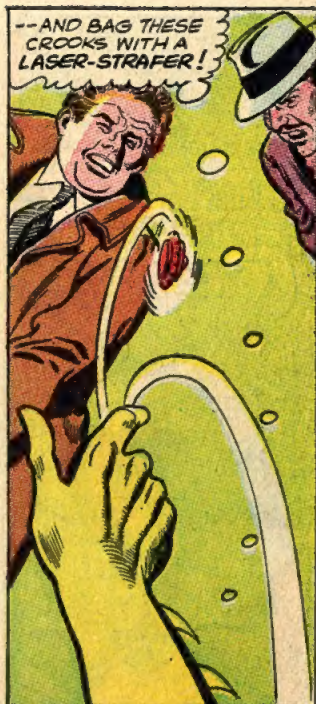
WISECRACKIN' DAME! WE GOT TROUBLES ENOUGH WITH BATMAN-- WITHOUT YOU ADDIN' TO THEM!



MR. BRAINS' PLAN DIDN'T FIGURE ON ANY INTERFERENCE! BUT I DON'T NEED AN INSTRUCTION BOOK TO TELL ME HOW TO STOP--

NO!! DON'T SHOOT!







SHAKEN BY THE LASER-STRAFER-- GRIM DETERMINATION ETCHED ON HIS RUTHLESS FACE--THE GANG CHIEF HANDCLUTS THE CHIC CRIME-FIGHTER FROM BEHIND...

GOT YOU, BAT-GIRL! NOW TO SQUEEZE OUT OF YOU HOW YOU TUMBLED TO OUR CAPER HERE!



TALK--OR I'LL SQUEEZE AND TWIST THOSE ARMS UNTIL--HUH? BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY ALL MUST BE WORKING TOGETHER!



SIGHT OF THE CAPED CRUSADER AND BOY WONDER ADDS TO BATGIRL'S SUDDEN SURGE OF ENERGY...

NEAT-O, BATGIRL! YOU OUGHT TO CALL THAT YOUR BAT-BACK BREAK-AWAY FLIP!



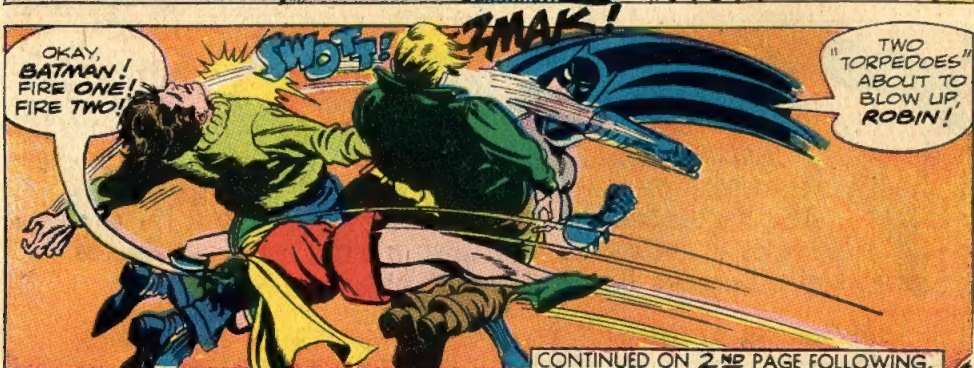
BATGIRL SET US UP-- AND BATMAN FINISHES US OFF-- YIPPIE!

NOW IT IS THE TURN OF THE DYNAMIC DUO TO MAKE WITH THE FISTIC FESTIVITIES...



TWO BRUISERS-- OFF MY PORT SIDE!

OKAY, BATMAN! FIRE ONE! FIRE TWO!



"TWO TORPEDOES" ABOUT TO BLOW UP ROBIN!

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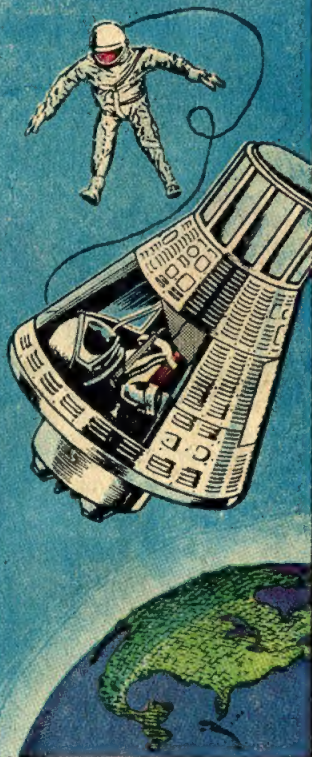
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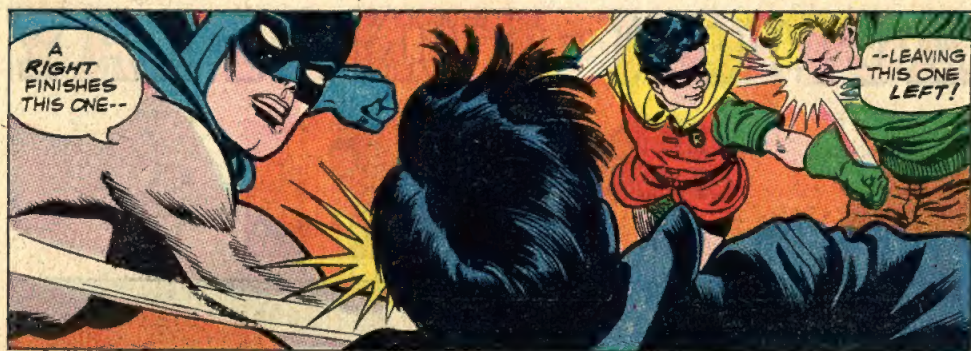
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BUT FIRST I MUST CALL COMMISSIONER GORDON ON THE HOT-LINE PHONE IN THE BATMOBILE TO CART OFF THESE CROOKS! YOU AND ROBIN GUARD THEM TO MAKE SURE NOBODY ELSE GETS AWAY, BATGIRL!

WHAT SURPRISE DOES BATMAN HAVE IN MIND? IT'LL BE A SURPRISE TO ME, TOO!



LATER, OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM, AFTER THE POLICE HAVE COME AND GONE ...

THIS BLINDFOLD IS JUST A PRECAUTION, YOU UNDERSTAND! MY SURPRISE IS IN THE BATCAVE-- WHICH ROBIN AND I PREFER TO KEEP SECRET!

NATURALLY! SOMETHING IN THE BATCAVE? A SURPRISE FOR BATGIRL? WHAT'S BATMAN UP TO?



AS THE BATMOBILE PULLS AWAY FROM THE AMERICAN MUSEUM...

TO TELL BATMAN HOW I REALLY LEARNED WHERE THOSE CROOKS WERE GOING TO ROB TONIGHT WOULD HAVE BETRAYED THE FACT THAT I AM BARBARA GORDON-- DAUGHTER OF GOTHAM CITY'S POLICE COMMISSIONER!



IN MY EVERYDAY IDENTITY, I'M THE HEAD LIBRARIAN OF GOTHAM CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY! EVERYBODY THINKS OF ME AS A "PLAIN JANE"-- A COLORLESS FEMALE BRAIN...



"JUST THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN I WAS FILLING IN FOR ONE OF OUR COUNTER GIRLS WHO WAS SICK..."

I'M RETURNING THIS BOOK, MA'AM!

"THE COUNTERFEITERS", BY ANDRE GIDE. WHY-- THAT'S ODD!



TODAY'S NEWSPAPER CARRIES AN ACCOUNT OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY PLATES STOLEN LAST NIGHT--AND THIS MAN-- NAMED PAUL CROWELL-- RETURNS A BOOK ABOUT "COUNTERFEITERS"!





YESTERDAY, THIS MAN CROWELL RETURNED "A CROCK OF GOLD," BY JAMES STEPHENS--AND THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AN ARMORED TRUCK TRANSPORTING GOLD WAS ROBBED! IS THIS JUST A COINCIDENCE OR--

"I BEGAN CHECKING BACK IN OUR FILES..."

TWO DAYS AGO, CROWELL RETURNED "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE". THE DAY AFTER A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN FROM VENICE WAS ROBBED OF A FORTUNE IN JEWELS!



AND HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A "COINCIDENCE"! EACH OF THE BOOKS CROWELL BORROWED THIS WEEK HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN OUT--AND RETURNED A DAY LATER--BY A JOHN HART! IT SEEMS TO ADD UP TO A CRIMINAL MASTERPLAN GOING ON BETWEEN CROWELL AND HART!

"A FEW MOMENTS LATER, AS CROWELL CHECKED OUT ANOTHER BOOK..."

EDGAR ALLAN POE'S "THE GOLD BUG"--THE SAME BOOK JOHN HART RETURNED EARLIER TODAY! THE PATTERN IS HOLDING UP--BUT WHAT SORT OF CRIME DOES "THE GOLD BUG" FORECAST?

THIS MUST BE IT! AN EXHIBITION OF GOLD INSECTS--FOUND IN SOME INCA RUINS IN SOUTH AMERICA--OPENING TODAY IN THE AMERINDIAN MUSEUM! BUG IS THE POPULAR TERM FOR INSECT, SO--GOLD BUG EQUALS GOLDEN INSECT!





"THAT NIGHT IN A LIBRARY CLOSET WHICH I HAD CONVERTED INTO MY SECRET BATGIRL DRESSING ROOM, I DONNED MY COSTUME..."

I BRING DOWN THE ROLLED BRIM OF MY BERET...

ROLL UP MY BOOT-FLAPS...

REVERSE MY SKIRT TO FORM MY CAPE...

TURN MY HANDBAG INSIDE OUT TO BECOME MY WEAPONS BAG!

"THEN I WAS AWAY ON MY BAT-BIKE..."

THESE LAST FEW WEEKS SINCE I MADE MY BATGIRL DEBUT\* HAVE BEEN ALL TOO DULL! I'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR A SLICE OF BAT-ACTION-- AND THIS IS IT!

AS THE BATMOBILE BRAKES TO A STOP, HER REVERIE ENDS...

WE'RE INSIDE THE BAT-CAVE, BATGIRL! READY FOR THAT SURPRISE--?

READY--AND CURIOUS AS CAN BE!

\* DETECTIVE COMICS # 359: "THE MILLION DOLLAR DEBUT OF BATGIRL!"

OKAY, BATGIRL--TAKE OFF YOUR BLINDFOLD! YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE MY UNMASKED FACE!

BATMAN, DON'T! HER LIFE--AND YOURS-- WON'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL IF THE UNDERWORLD KNOWS SHE HAS THAT INFORMATION!

WAIT--WHAT AM I SO WORRIED ABOUT? BATMAN HAS BEEN IN A SPOT LIKE THIS MANY A TIME--AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A DISGUISED FACE UNDER THE MASK! I WONDER WHO HE'S GOING TO BE--THIS TIME?





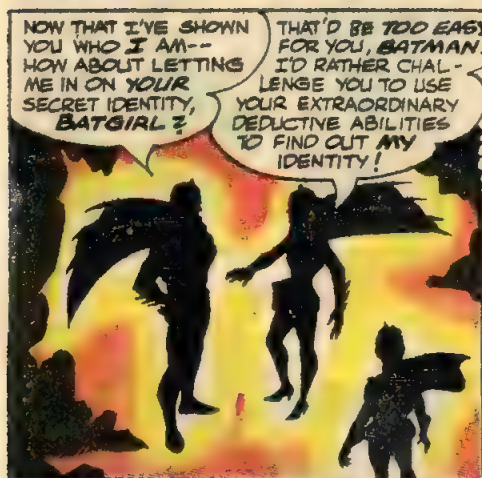


BRUCE WAYNE'S FACE! HE'S REALLY TAKING BATGIRL -- WHOEVER SHE IS -- INTO HIS FULL CONFIDENCE!

YOU!? I--I CAN HARDLY B-BELIEVE IT!

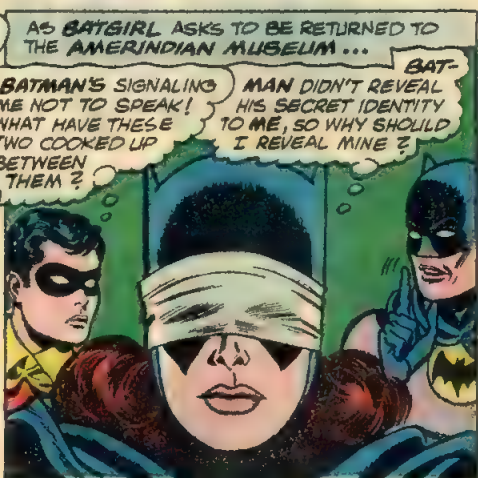


AS A MATTER OF FACT--I DON'T BELIEVE IT! BATMAN WANTS ME TO THINK HE'S BRUCE WAYNE-- ONLY I KNOW HE ISN'T! THOSE TRACES OF WAX ON HIS FACE-- THAT DYE ON HIS HAIR-- SHOWS HE MADE HIM-SELF UP TO LOOK LIKE BRUCE WAYNE! B-BUT WHY--?



NOW THAT I'VE SHOWN YOU WHO I AM-- HOW ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON YOUR SECRET IDENTITY, BATGIRL?

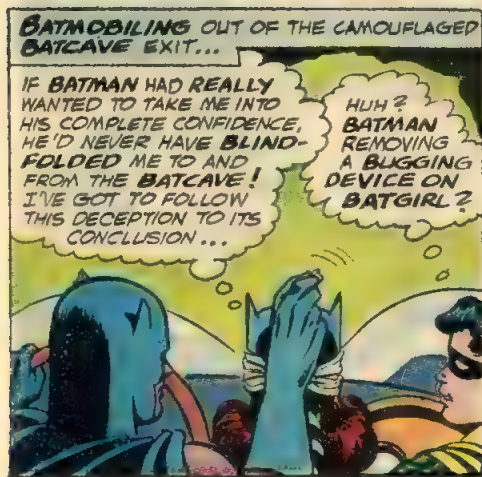
THAT'D BE TOO EASY FOR YOU, BATMAN! I'D RATHER CHALLENGE YOU TO USE YOUR EXTRAORDINARY DEDUCTIVE ABILITIES TO FIND OUT MY IDENTITY!



AS BATGIRL ASKS TO BE RETURNED TO THE AMERINDIAN MUSEUM ...

BATMAN'S SIGNALING ME NOT TO SPEAK! WHAT HAVE THESE TWO COOKED UP BETWEEN THEM?

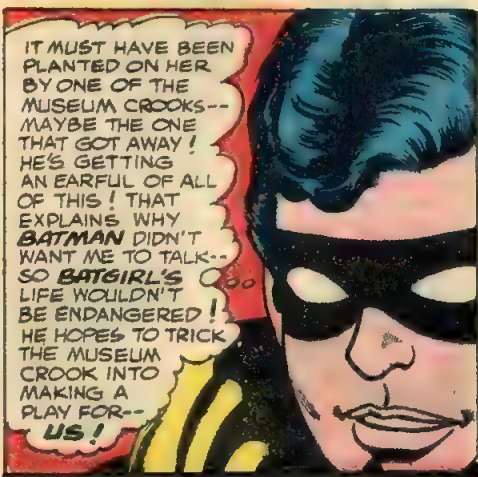
BATMAN DIDN'T REVEAL HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO ME, SO WHY SHOULD I REVEAL MINE?



BATMOBILING OUT OF THE CAMOUFLAGED BATCAVE EXIT...

IF BATMAN HAD REALLY WANTED TO TAKE ME INTO HIS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE, HE'D NEVER HAVE BLIND-FOLDED ME TO AND FROM THE BATCAVE! I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THIS DECEPTION TO ITS CONCLUSION...

HUH? BATMAN REMOVING A BUGGING DEVICE ON BATGIRL?



IT MUST HAVE BEEN PLANTED ON HER BY ONE OF THE MUSEUM CROOKS-- MAYBE THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY! HE'S GETTING AN EARFUL OF ALL OF THIS! THAT EXPLAINS WHY BATMAN DIDN'T WANT ME TO TALK-- SO BATGIRL'S LIFE WOULDN'T BE ENDANGERED! HE HOPES TO TRICK THE MUSEUM CROOK INTO MAKING A PLAY FOR-- US!



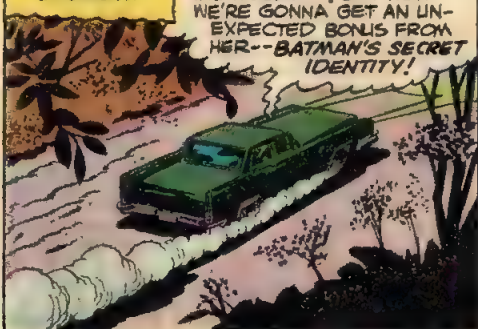
AN HOUR LATER,  
AT A DESERTED  
HUNTING LODGE  
DEEP IN THE  
GOTHAM  
HILLS...

NONE OF US HAVE SPOKEN--  
OR IT'D GIVE THE SHOW  
AWAY TO THE CROOK  
LISTENING IN! HE  
THINKS HE'S ON THE  
TRAIL OF BATGIRL...



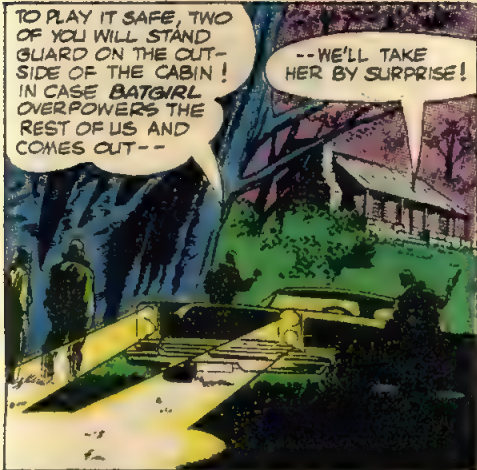
AT THIS MOMENT,  
GANGSTER PAUL  
CROWELL IS BURN-  
ING RUBBER  
TOWARD THE  
SAME HUNTING  
LODGE...

WHEN I HIRED YOU  
MUSCLEMEN TO HELP  
ME TAKE BATGIRL  
PRISONER, IT WAS TO  
FORCE HER TO TELL HOW  
SHE KNEW I'D BE ROBBING  
THE MUSEUM! BUT NOW  
WE'RE GONNA GET AN UN-  
EXPECTED BONUS FROM  
HER--BATMAN'S SECRET  
IDENTITY!



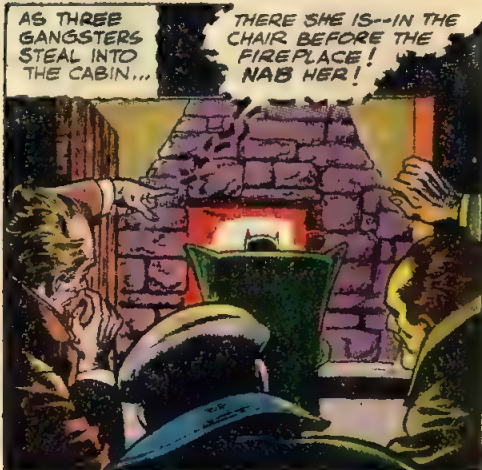
TO PLAY IT SAFE, TWO  
OF YOU WILL STAND  
GUARD ON THE OUT-  
SIDE OF THE CABIN!  
IN CASE BATGIRL  
OVERPOWERS THE  
REST OF US AND  
COMES OUT--

--WE'LL TAKE  
HER BY SURPRISE!



AS THREE  
GANGSTERS  
STEAL INTO  
THE CABIN...

THERE SHE IS--IN THE  
CHAIR BEFORE THE  
FIREPLACE!  
NAB HER!



BATGIRL--  
YOU'RE UP  
FOR GRABS!



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# CRUNCH!

# YIP!

**KRYPTO**  
TANGLES WITH  
HIS ARCH-ENEMY,  
**DESTRUCTO!**

# BLAM!

The **GENERAL'S**  
CRIMINAL ARMY TURNS  
ITS SECRET WEAPONS  
ON **SUPERBOY!**

**SUPERBOY**  
DUELS **DEV-EM**,  
The KNAVE from KRYPTON!



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**GIANT**

# SUPERBOY



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# DIRECT CURRENTS

Well, that time is here again when April showers are supposed to bring May flowers—and the news-stands blossom out with a new crop of DC mags! So I'll tell you what's up, tiger lily, and you can pick your favorites! And frankly, I'll be surprised if you pass up any of 'em!

Here comes SUPERBABY, ELEMENT INFANT, DREAM TOT, LITTLE MON-EL and BABY BRAIN-IAC! Yes, five members of the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES are turned into toddlers and sent to an interstellar orphanage for adoption, in the May ADVENTURE, No. 356, on sale March 30!

Who'll chicken out in combat—and who'll stand and fight? EASY COMPANY'S SGT. ROCK finds the explosive answer in: "MONDAY'S COWARD—TUESDAY'S HERO!" You can read this battle blockbuster in the June OUR ARMY AT WAR, No. 181, on sale

When bouncy BOB and timid TAD go to Hollywood with BENEDICT ARNOLD HIGH'S FACULTY OF FEAR, it's a toss-up whether they'll shoot the movie or the cast! For the first film in SCAREY-OPHONIC SOUND, and HORROR-SCOPE, get the July BOB HOPE, No. 105, on Apr. 4.

The CHALLS are rocked when a teenage terror vows to destroy them! And they face their most dangerous foe in the revenge-ridden kld who boasts he has "A LICENSE TO KILL!" July CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN, No. 56, on sale Apr. 4.

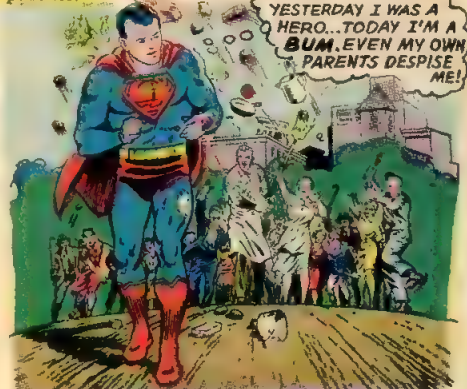
ATOM plus HAWKMAN equals a DYNAMIC COMBO—and that's the fighting formula needed to cope with the criminal conspiracy of a two-in-one villain, "GOOD MAN, BAD MAN—TURNABOUT THIEF," in the July ATOM, No. 31, on the stands Apr. 4!



In the June HOUSE OF MYSTERY, No. 167, ROBBY REED, the boy who can change into 1,000 super-heroes, meets his match in a thrilling DIAL H FOR HERO duel with "THE FANTASTIC RAINBOW RAIDER," a villain who can change into colors with awesome powers! on sale Apr. 6.

Featured in the July TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED, No. 101, on sale Apr. 6, is a sensational treasure-hunt tale—with a black magic menace cloaking the mystery of "THE GUARDIAN MONSTER!" Also, the adventure of a criminal who becomes a triple threat—"THE MAN IN THE LIQUID MASK!"

An angry mob . . . hurling stones, eggs and garbage . . . runs SUPERBOY right out of SMALLVILLE! And at the head of the crowd are MOM and DAD KENT, the BOY OF STEEL'S foster parents!



Read "THE TOWN THAT HATED SUPERBOY," in the June issue, No. 139, on sale Apr. 6.

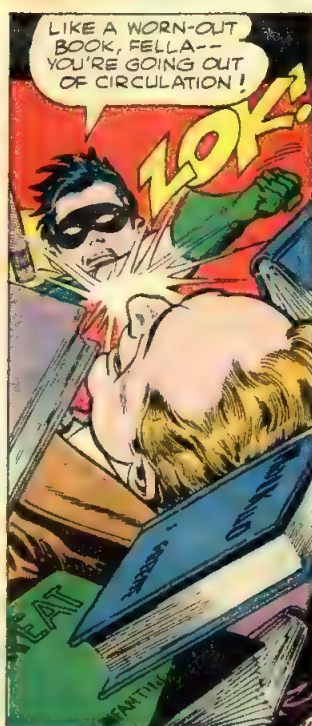
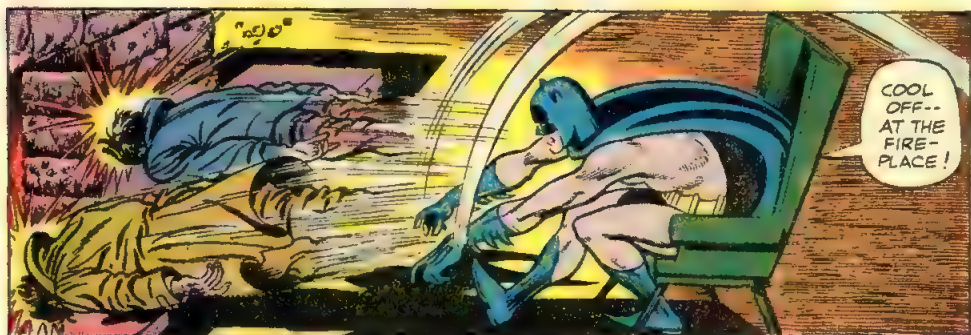
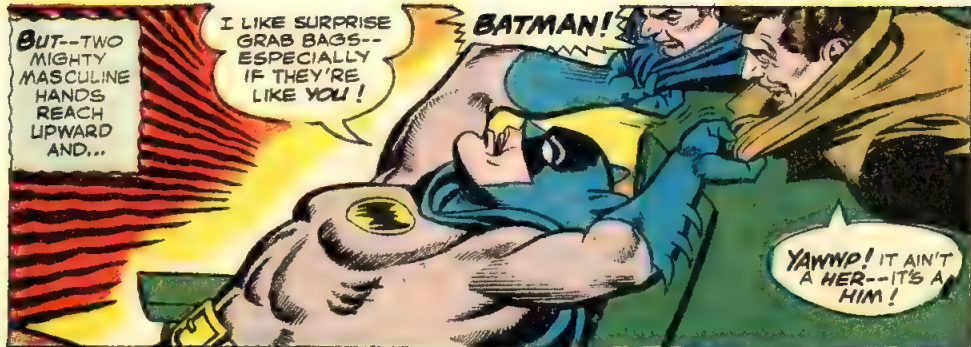
JEB STUART and the crew of the famous HAUNTED TANK have a startling mission in "SCRATCH THAT TANK!" Extra! SPECIAL BATTLE GUEST! ACE JOHNNY CLOUD in the unforgettable "DEATH OF A BOY—BIRTH OF A MAN!" In the July G.I. COMBAT, No. 124, on sale Apr. 11.

To gaze upon the stone-god in the VALLEY OF THE MISTS was strictly forbidden—lest a deadly doom be unleashed upon the world! An archeologist defies the warning—and "LION-MANE—THE TABU TERROR" makes his debut in the July HAWKMAN, No. 20, on sale Apr. 11.

The July 80 PAGE GIANT, No. 197, is an ALL-CLARK KENT issue, starring SUPERMAN'S alter-ego! You'll see CLARK as a caveman . . . a fireman . . . and a gangster! You'll meet his robot stand-in . . . and learn of the time when there was no CLARK KENT! On sale Apr. 11.

Can you believe SUPERMAN would commit his pal, JIMMY OLSEN, to the funny farm? That's just what happens when the MAN OF STEEL straps Jimmy in a straitjacket and locks him up in a padded cell! It's in the June issue, No. 102, on sale Apr. 13.



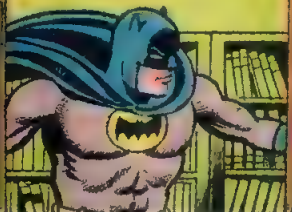




LEAVING ROBIN  
BEHIND TO BAT-  
CLIFF THE MOBSTER,  
BATMAN EMERGES  
FROM THE DOORWAY--  
FRAMED IN THE  
SIGHTS OF TWO  
TOMMYGUNS...

NOW TO CALL COMMISSIONER  
GORDON ON THE HOT-LINE IN  
THE CONCEALED BATMOBILE...

B-BATMAN  
COMING OUT?!  
HA! HE'LL  
MAKE A  
BETTER PRIZE  
THAN BATGIRL!

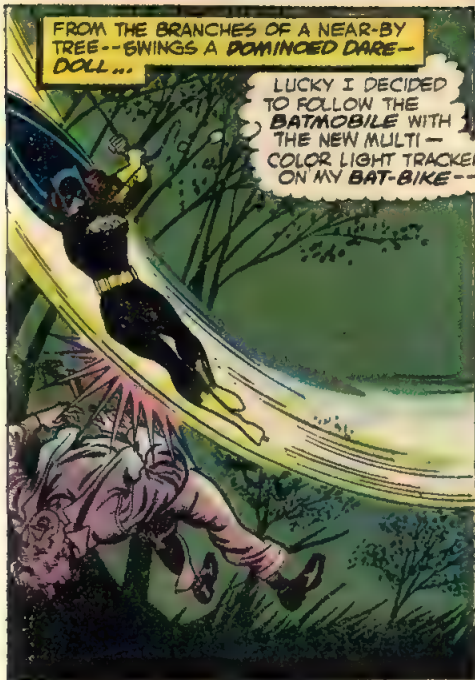


FROM THE BRANCHES OF A NEAR-BY  
TREE--SWINGS A DOMINICED DARE-  
DOLL...

LUCKY I DECIDED  
TO FOLLOW THE  
BATMOBILE WITH  
THE NEW MULTI-  
COLOR LIGHT TRACKER  
ON MY BAT-BIKE---

...AND CONTINUES  
HER SWINGING  
ATTACK INTO  
THE SECOND  
TOMMY-GUNNER...

--IT GIVES ME THE  
CHANCE TO COME  
TO BATMAN'S  
RESCUE AS HE  
CAME TO MINE  
IN THE MUSEUM!



AS THE DYNAMIC DUO DASHES UP...

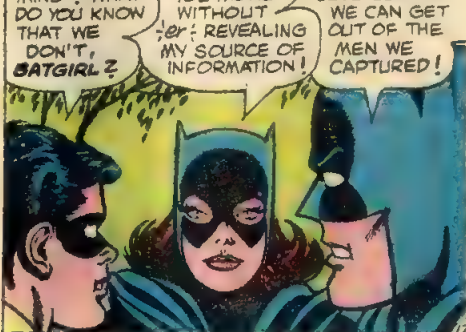
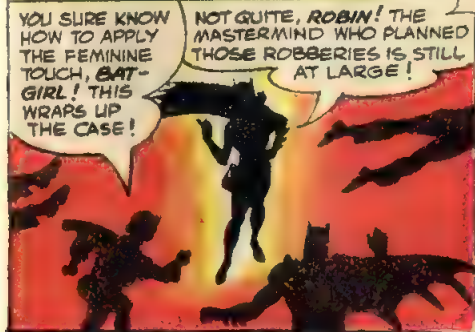
YOU SURE KNOW  
HOW TO APPLY  
THE FEMININE  
TOUCH, BAT-  
GIRL! THIS  
WRAPS UP  
THE CASE!

NOT QUITE, ROBIN! THE  
MASTERMIND WHO PLANNED  
THOSE ROBBERIES IS STILL  
AT LARGE!

M-MASTER  
MIND? WHAT  
DO YOU KNOW  
THAT WE  
DON'T,  
BATGIRL?

I CAN'T TELL  
YOU MORE  
WITHOUT  
-B- REVEALING  
MY SOURCE OF  
INFORMATION!

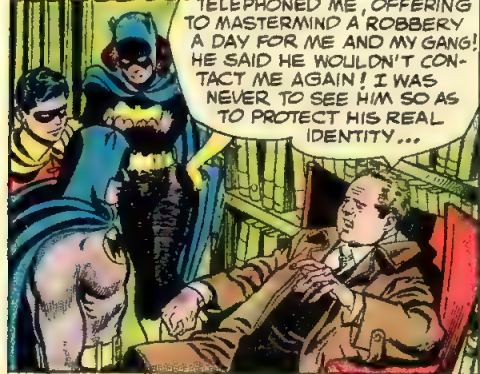
OKAY--THEN  
LET'S SEE WHAT  
WE CAN GET  
OUT OF THE  
MEN WE  
CAPTURED!





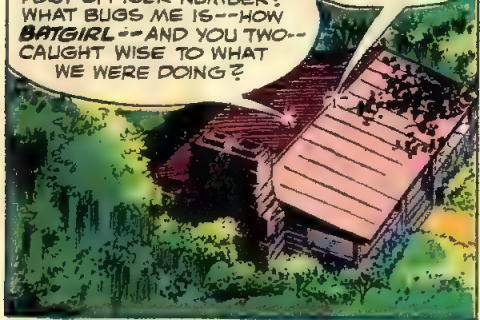
MINUTES LATER,  
PAUL CROWELL  
IS POURING OUT  
HIS STORY...

I'M SPILLING WHAT I KNOW--  
HOPING THE LAW WILL GO  
EASIER ON ME! A GUY CALL-  
ING HIMSELF "MR. BRAINS"  
TELEPHONED ME, OFFERING  
TO MASTERMIND A ROBBERY  
A DAY FOR ME AND MY GANG!  
HE SAID HE WOULDN'T CON-  
TACT ME AGAIN! I WAS  
NEVER TO SEE HIM SO AS  
TO PROTECT HIS REAL  
IDENTITY...



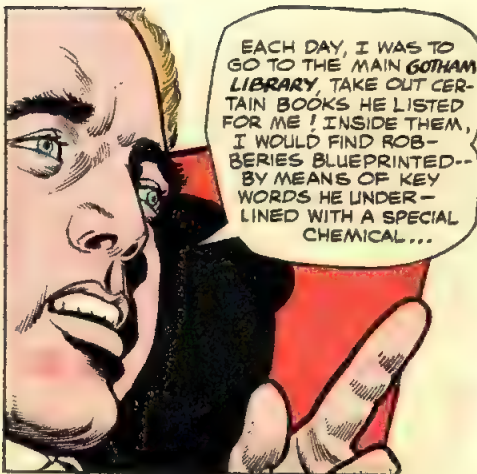
NOBODY CAN SEE THE  
CHEMICAL UNLESS HE  
WEARS THESE SPECIAL  
TINTED GLASSES! I  
MAILED MR. BRAINS  
HIS SHARE OF THE  
LOOT TO A GENERAL  
POST OFFICER NUMBER!  
WHAT BUGS ME IS--HOW  
BATGIRL--AND YOU TWO--  
CAUGHT WISE TO WHAT  
WE WERE DOING?

WE NEVER --  
OF-- REVEAL  
OUR SOURCE  
OF INFORMATION,  
CROWELL!



YOU SEE THIS WAX AND HAIR  
DYE I PUT ON WHEN I LEFT  
YOU AND BATGIRL IN THE  
AMERINDIAN MUSEUM TO  
PHONE THE COMMISSIONER?  
BATGIRL SAW THEM ALSO!  
I DISGUISED MYSELF TO  
LOOK LIKE BRUCE WAYNE  
BECAUSE I COUNTED ON  
HER FIGURING IF I WERE  
REALLY BRUCE WAYNE--  
I WOULDN'T NEED A  
DISGUISE!

WOWW!  
THAT'S  
PRETTY  
SMART  
THINKING--  
ON BOTH  
YOUR PARTS!

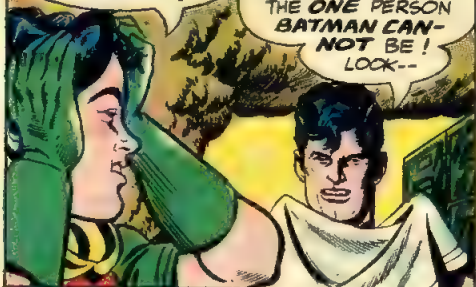


EACH DAY, I WAS TO  
GO TO THE MAIN GOTHAM  
LIBRARY, TAKE OUT CER-  
TAIN BOOKS HE LISTED  
FOR ME! INSIDE THEM,  
I WOULD FIND ROB-  
BERIES BLUEPRINTED--  
BY MEANS OF KEY  
WORDS HE UNDER-  
LINED WITH A SPECIAL  
CHEMICAL...

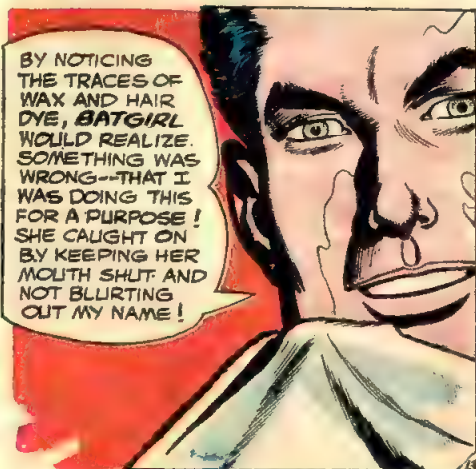
LATER--IN THE BATCAVE...

NOW THAT WE'RE  
ALONE--SPILL WHAT  
YOU KNOW, BATMAN!  
WHY DID YOU RISK  
LETTING BATGIRL  
SEE YOU AS BRUCE  
WAYNE?

IT WAS HARDLY A  
RISK WITH A CLEVER  
GIRL LIKE SHE IS!  
I SHOWED HER  
BATMAN IS BRUCE  
WAYNE--ONLY TO  
CONVINCE HER HE'S  
THE ONE PERSON  
BATMAN CAN-  
NOT BE!  
LOOK--



BY NOTICING  
THE TRACES OF  
WAX AND HAIR  
DYE, BATGIRL  
WOULD REALIZE  
SOMETHING WAS  
WRONG--THAT I  
WAS DOING THIS  
FOR A PURPOSE!  
SHE CAUGHT ON  
BY KEEPING HER  
MOUTH SHUT AND  
NOT BLURTING  
OUT MY NAME!





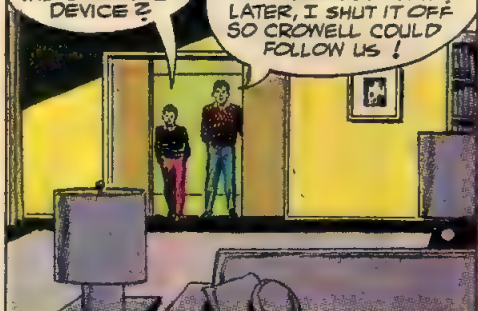
AND YOU THINK THAT MYSTERIOUS MASTER-MIND WILL SHOW UP AT THE LIBRARY TO-MORROW WITH HIS NEXT BOOK-CRIME?

YES, BECAUSE I PERSUADED COMMISSIONER GORDON AND THE PRESS TO HOLD OFF ANNOUNCING OUR CAPTURE OF THE GANG "MR. BRAINS" WORKED THROUGH!



ONE LAST QUESTION! HOW COULD YOU BE SURE THAT CROWELL WOULDN'T FOLLOW US INTO THE BATCAVE WHILE BATGIRL WAS WEARING THE BUGGING DEVICE?

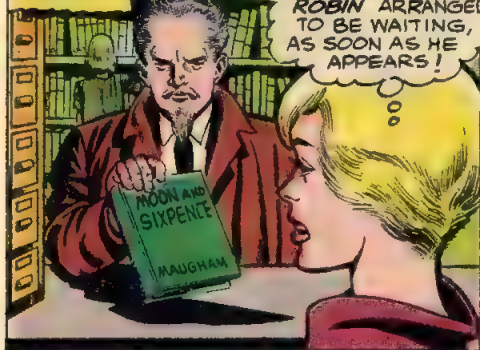
BECAUSE I JAMMED ITS SIGNALS THE SAME WAY WE JAM ANY BUGGING DEVICE ON THE BAT-MOBILE WHEN WE SUSPECT A "TRACKER" HAS BEEN PUT ON IT! LATER, I SHUT IT OFF SO CROWELL COULD FOLLOW US!



NEXT DAY IN THE GOTHAM CITY LIBRARY...

I'M RETURNING THIS BOOK, MISS!

THIS MAN IS JOHN HART! I'M TO BUZZ MISS GORDON IN HER OFFICE WHERE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRANGED TO BE WAITING, AS SOON AS HE APPEARS!



IN ANSWER TO THE CONCEALED BUZZER...

MIND IF I HAVE A LOOK AT THAT "MOON AND SIXPENCE" BOOK? I HAPPEN TO KNOW THERE'S AN EXHIBIT OF RARE BRITISH COINS--INCLUDING SIXPENCE--IN THE AMBASSADOR BUILDING TONIGHT!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?



JUST AS I THOUGHT! IT'S ALL LAID OUT HERE--HOW TO STEAL THOSE ENGLISH COINS!



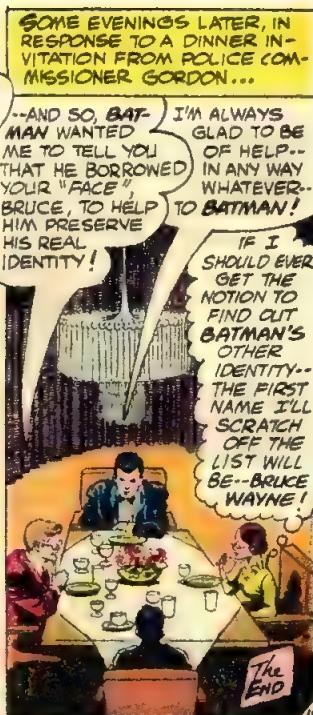
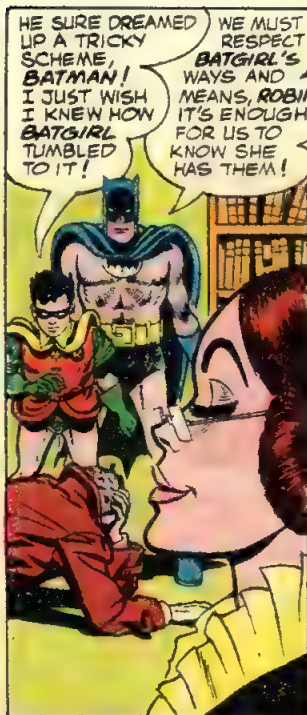
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY PROVE I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHATEVER YOU SEE IN THAT BOOK!

WE HAVE NO PROOF, JOHN HART--SO I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF GETTING THIS SEARCH WARRANT! ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO CHECK YOUR HOME FOR YOUR SHARE OF THE LOOT PAUL CROWELL MAILED YOU...



GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--





# WHO IS THIS TEEN-TERROR? WHY DOES HE VOW TO DESTROY THE CHALLS?

THEIR LIVES HAD BEEN THREATENED IN THE PAST BY A VARIETY OF THE VILEST VILLAINS--BUT NOW THE CHALLS FACE THEIR MOST FEARSOME FOE IN A VENGEFUL YOUNGSTER, WHO HUNTS THEM DOWN WITH A...



I WON'T REST UNTIL THE LAST CHALLENGER IS DEAD!

## "LICENSE TO KILL!"

THIS SEARING SHOCKER EXPLODES WITH DEADLY IMPACT IN THE JULY ISSUE...

ON SALE APR. 4th





# BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

Dear Editor:

When I heard there was a *New Batgirl* in the works at DC, I was prepared to think poorly of her on principle, as I am one of those fans who remembers the OLD *Batgirls*, Kathy and Betty Kane, with fondness. Unfortunately, when I read "The Million Dollar Debut of Batgirl," I was forced to change my mind. It was one of the most plausible origin stories I have ever read, and Barbara Gordon impressed me as a gal with a lot of spunk—and more importantly, a lot of potential.

There are some really glaring errors which should be corrected, though. First, the idea of a father not knowing his own daughter, even in disguise, at a range of three feet is preposterous. Commissioner Gordon is, after all, a policeman, trained to notice and make allowances for falsetto voices and incongruous clothing. Whether he lets *Batman* in on the secret or not—and I hope *not*—it should be made plain that Gordon knows the true identity of *Batgirl*.

Second, any woman who looks like Barbara Gordon looks could *never* be called a "plain-jane," no matter how conservative her dress or hair-do, no matter how many pairs of glasses you endow her with. Not that these accessories make her look dowdy, by any means. Her ensemble on page 8, panel 1 is chic, and the square glasses and demure hair-style are part of the presently fashionable "old-fashioned" (granny) look.

Third, the world of books is an exciting colorful one: I cannot agree with Babe's "humdrum" job in the "mundane world of the library" exists. (Having worked in several libraries myself, I know that they are no more, and usually less, "mundane" than other typically feminine occupations.) You were obviously trying to give her the job always assigned to plain, repressed female "brains" in popular fiction—it's a horribly empty cliché. Let her remain a librarian in future stories, but PLEASE, leave off trying to make Barbara Gordon a Clark Kent in skirts!

I'm glad to see that *Batman* didn't try to nip our heroine's career in the bud with the old "it's too dangerous for a girl" bit. In plain fact, crime-fighting of the kind *Batman* and *Robin* engage in is too dangerous for any man, let alone a teen-age boy! Being the daughter of Commissioner Gordon, Barbara has a long and intimate association with police methods and problems behind her—she is no silly thrill-seeker who doesn't know the risks. With her intelligence and training, Barbara Gordon is as well-suited as anyone to join the costumed superhero clique—and since *Batman* can do with an interesting female or two in his life, she might as well be one! So, let's see a lot more of Barbara Gordon, *Batgirl*, in the near future.

—Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(To get Irene Vartanoff to put her seldom used seal of approval on anything is as "in" as *Batgirl* can get! But—that's merely one femmefan's fancy. Let us fair-mindedly allow another one to shake us up! —Editor)

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Dear Editor:

What tried-and-true *Batman* fan from way back

could view the announcement of a *New Batgirl* with complacency? I, for one, could not. So a certain vibrating thrill coursed through me as I pulled *Detective Comics* 359 from the rack. However, being a long-time reader, I held a hope that the former *Batgirl* had dyed her hair and changed her costume.

Sorry to tell you this, but I am disappointed with everything about the new *Batfemme* except her snazzy costume. I didn't like her identity (all of a sudden, after almost thirty years, Gordon's got a full grown daughter?), and it seems unlikely the Commissioner would not recognize her. After all, to what degree can a girl change her voice? And wouldn't a father notice his daughter's bright red hair?

Well, okay, at least you tried. And I'm positive half the country will applaud the new heroine. The only thing else I like is the fact that you showed her eyes behind the mask.

—Loren Liberthal, New York, N.Y.

(Not only did we try four issues ago, but we're *Batgirl*-trying again in this one. And not "half" the country (or buying public) applauded the debut of *Batgirl*; it was over 90%!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

KA-POW! As the *Batman*-TV show would put it.

You have hit the height of magazine (I refuse to call it comic) entertainment with the introduction of the *New Batgirl*! I don't know what happened to the "old" *Batgirl*, but I do know that this *Batgirl* is *it*! Her secret identity is perfect. A librarian, the daughter of Commissioner Gordon, secretly running around, throwing judo punches and chasing crooks. Great! And I'm glad to see that she isn't like some other female heroines on the market, especially your rivals, who cringe in fear and about the only thing they do is scream so the hero can rescue them. *Batgirl* doesn't depend on *Batman* and that's good.

I only have one more thing to say. Now that you've introduced a great heroine, I guess you'll have her appear regularly. Well, make sure it's not TOO regularly, or else she'll lose her appeal (and that she has, in that costume of hers!)

—Dennis Palumbo, Verona, Pa.

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Dear Editor:

Holy Inspiration! I have been wondering if anyone would ever conceive the idea of a *Batgirl*. I am very pleased that you finally did give birth to her, and I offer my congratulations on the new arrival. She is unique, yet believable; super in every way, yet not infallible; and best of all, she is an absolutely smashing redhead!

I think *Batgirl* would add just the right amount of zest to the television show. And may I be the first to suggest Ann-Margaret for the role! They were quite obviously made for each other.

—Autumn McCulley, Chicago, Ill.

(You think good! As of this writing, plans are actually under way to incorporate *Batgirl* into the TV show—with former *Miss America*, Mary Ann Mobley, a likely candidate for the role! For more—much more *Batgirl* talk—skip to the EXTRA Hot-Line further on in this issue!—Editor)



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DEVASTATING  
THAN A...

THEY'RE  
DEADLIER  
THAN BEING  
KICKED BY A...

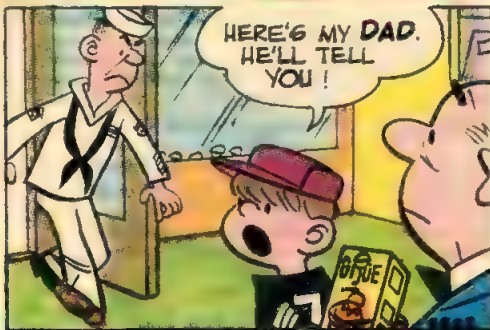
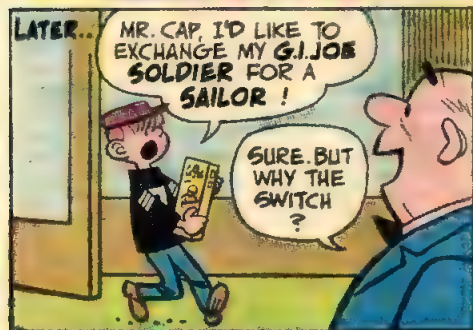
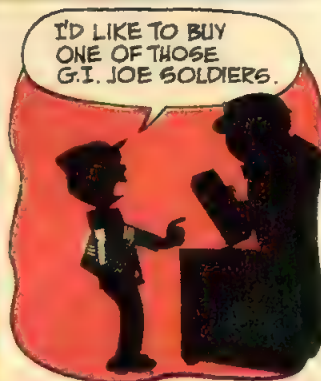
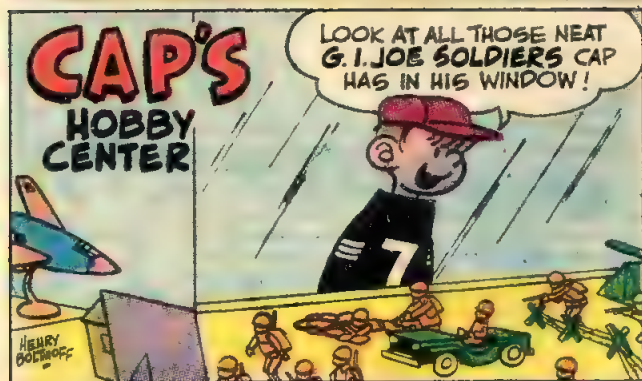
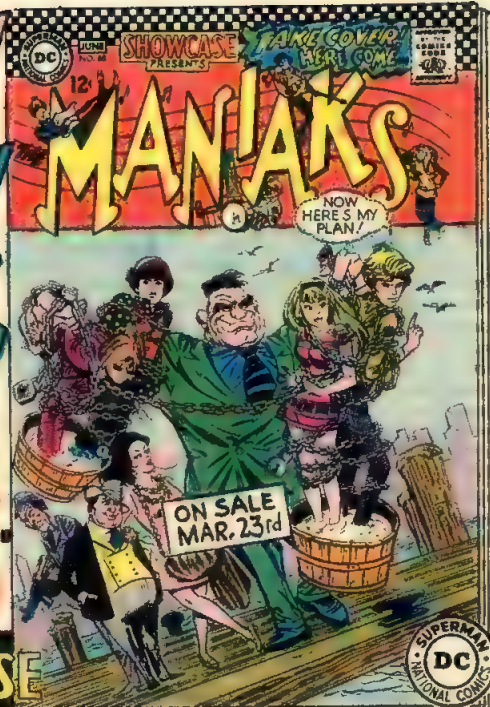
THEY'RE MORE  
DISASTROUS  
THAN FALLING  
DOWN AN...

They're the

# MANIAKS

AND THEY'RE LET LOOSE  
in the JUNE... **SHOWCASE**

*gigmy  
Invasion!  
Roasted  
Chicken!  
open Gopher  
Hole!*





RIDE the  
HIGH SEAS  
with

**BOATERIFIC**

the NEW ACTION FLEET,  
POWERED by the FAMOUS  
MOTORIFIC  
MOTORS!

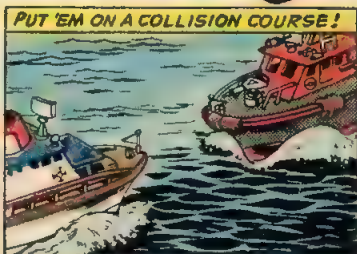
**NOW HEAR THIS:** NOW MOTORIFIC  
TAKES TO THE WATER WITH BOATERIFIC.  
THERE ARE SIX GREAT BOATERIFIC  
BOATS AND EACH ONE HAS A FULLY  
STEERABLE RUDDER, REAL  
PROPELLER POWER, AN AUTOMATIC  
BAILING PUMP AND SUPER-REALISTIC  
DETAILS. JUST SNAP IN A MOTOR...  
BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH AND  
FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH  
**BOATERIFIC!**



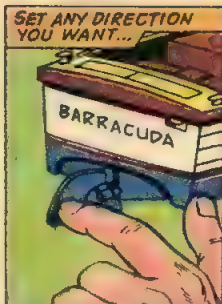
RACE 'EM!



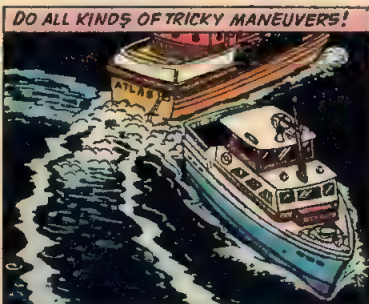
PUT 'EM ON A COLLISION COURSE!



SET ANY DIRECTION  
YOU WANT...



DO ALL KINDS OF TRICKY MANEUVERS!



REAL, AUTOMATIC BAILING  
PUMP KEEPS EACH BOAT  
RIDING HIGH.



BE THE SKIPPER OF YOUR OWN BOATERIFIC FLEET...GET 'EM ALL!

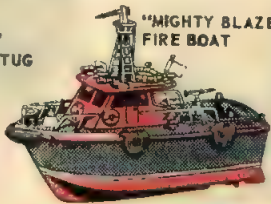
"BARRACUDA" SPORT FISHERMAN



"ATLAS" HARBOR TUG



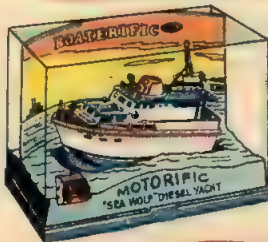
"MIGHTY BLAZE" FIRE BOAT



"KING OF THE SEA" CABIN CRUISER



"WHIRL-A-WAY" RUNABOUT



EACH BOAT COMES WITH A MOTORIFIC MOTOR,  
STURDY HULL AND SNAP-ON SUPERSTRUCTURE  
... ALL IN AN ACTION SETTING. YOU CAN EVEN  
DISPLAY 'EM IN YOUR ROOM. THEY'RE THE BEST  
LOOKIN' BOATS, IN AND OUT OF THE WATER!

**BOATERIFIC...it's TERRIFIC...IT'S**

**IDEAL**



STORY BY  
GARDNER FOX

# The ELONGATED Man

ART BY  
CARMINE INFANTINO  
&  
SID GREENE

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED  
TO TWEAK THIS  
MYSTERY-SMELLING  
NOSE OF YOURS,  
RALPH! IT'S THE  
BANE OF MY  
EXISTENCE!

**OWOO!**  
LET GO, SUE!  
I'VE GOT TO  
CATCH THOSE  
JEWEL  
THIEVES!



EVER WANT TO DO SOME-  
THING UTTERLY SILLY--  
BUT DON'T DARE?  
GOT ANY SECRET DESIRES  
YOU CAN'T BRING YOUR-  
SELF TO CARRY OUT?  
LIKE TO LET YOUR  
HAIR DOWN--FOR ONCE  
IN YOUR LIFE?  
THEN COME ALONG TO  
THE TOWN SUE AND RALPH  
(ELONGATED MAN)  
DIBNY ARE VISITING AND  
OBSERVE THE REMARKABLE,  
RIDICULOUS, RIOTOUS EVENTS OF.

## Way-Out Day IN WISHBONE CITY!



AS SUE AND RALPH DISBNEY  
EMERGE FROM A FASHIONABLE  
HAT SHOP IN **WISHBONE**  
**CITY...**

RALPH--YOU'RE  
**SURE** YOU LIKE  
THIS NEW  
HAT ?

COULDN'T  
LIKE IT  
MORE, HONEY!  
IT'S--**GORGEOUS!**

ACTUALLY  
I CAN  
HARDLY  
BEAR  
LOOKING AT  
THAT MONSTROSITY!

I'D LIKE TO RIP  
IT TO PIECES  
AND THROW  
IT AWAY--  
BUT I DON'T  
DARE ! SUE  
WOULD NEVER  
FORGIVE  
ME !

RALPH, LOOK  
AT THAT MAN!  
HE TOOK FOUR  
EGGS OUT OF  
THAT BOX AND  
STARTED  
JUGGLING  
THEM !

I ALWAYS  
HAD AN  
URGE TO  
TRY THIS--

HE ISN'T DOING  
SUCH A GOOD  
JOB OF IT,  
EITHER !

FOR  
GOODNESS  
SAKE ! WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
TO THE  
PEOPLE  
HERE ??

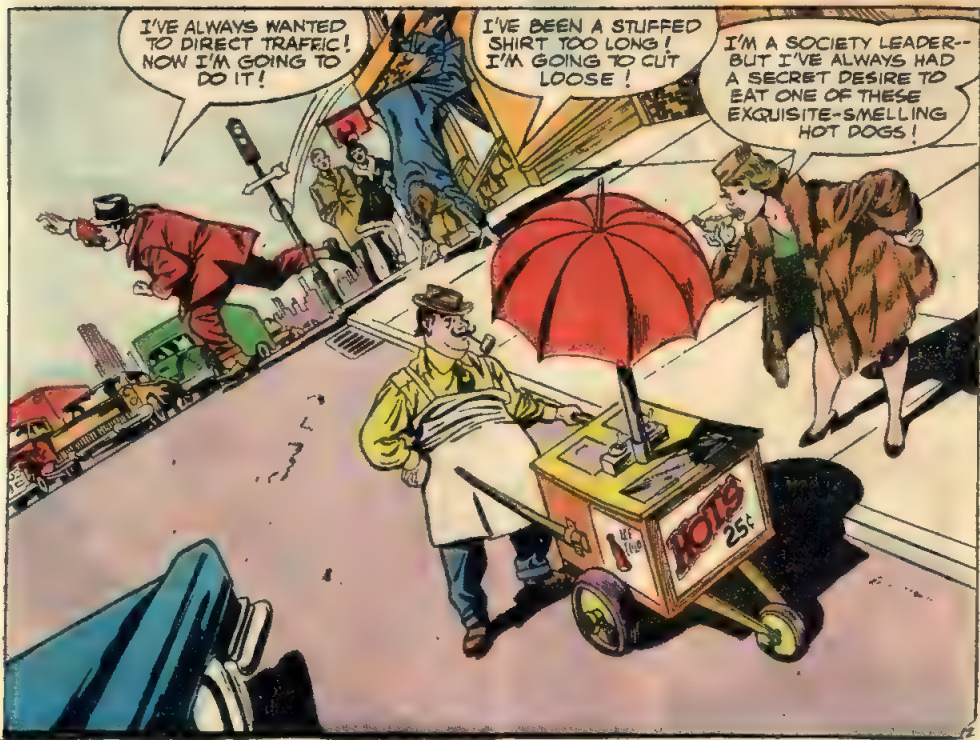
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Plopp!

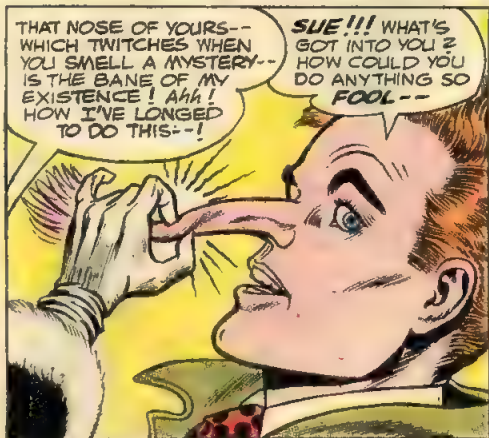
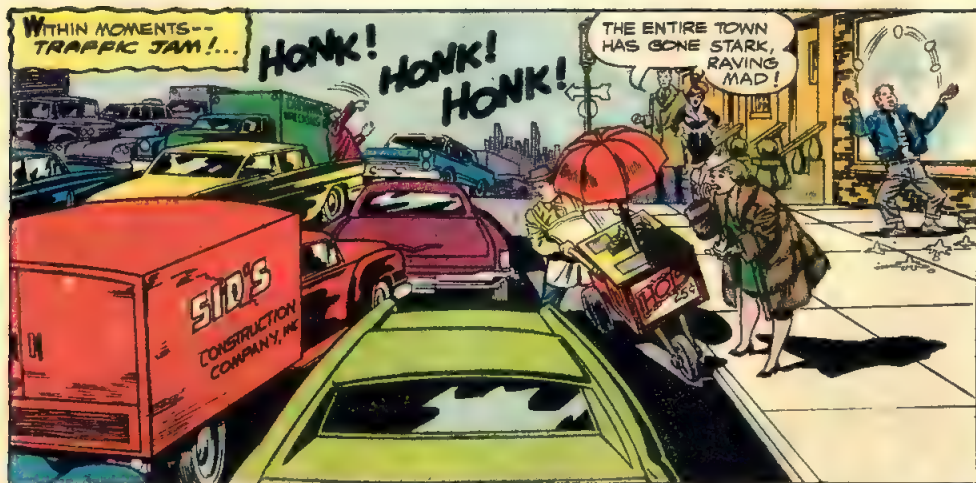
I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
DIRECT TRAFFIC!  
NOW I'M GOING TO  
DO IT !

I'VE BEEN A STUFFED  
SHIRT TOO LONG !  
I'M GOING TO CUT  
LOOSE !

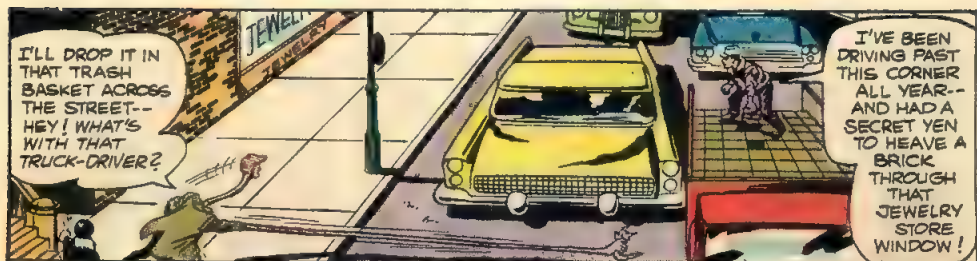
I'M A SOCIETY LEADER--  
BUT I'VE ALWAYS HAD  
A SECRET DESIRE TO  
EAT ONE OF THESE  
EXQUISITE-SMELLING  
HOT DOGS !











I'LL DROP IT IN THAT TRASH BASKET ACROSS THE STREET-- HEY! WHAT'S WITH THAT TRUCK-DRIVER?

I'VE BEEN DRIVING PAST THIS CORNER ALL YEAR-- AND HAD A SECRET YEN TO HEAVE A BRICK THROUGH THAT JEWELRY STORE WINDOW!



CRAASHH!

AND TODAY'S THE DAY I DO IT!

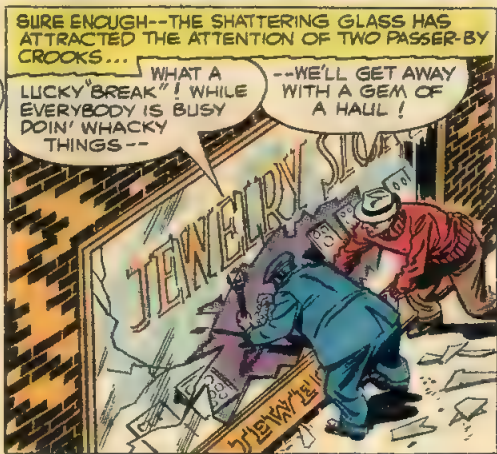
Whew! THIS IS WAY-OUT DAY IN WISHBONE CITY!



UHP!! AM I IN TROUBLE!

THAT SMASHED WINDOW IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO THIEVES! I HAVE A FEELING THE SERVICES OF THE **ELONGATED MAN** ARE ABOUT TO BE NEEDED! HOLD MY CLOTHES, HONEY!

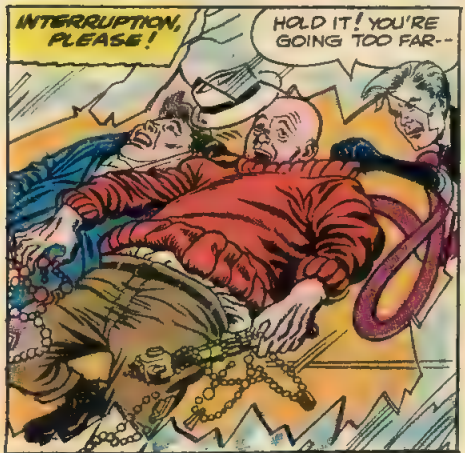
AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO MY "GORGEOUS" CHAPEAU--?



SURE ENOUGH--THE SHATTERING GLASS HAS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF TWO PASSER-BY CROOKS...

WHAT A LUCKY "BREAK"! WHILE EVERYBODY IS BUSY DOIN' WHACKY THINGS--

--WE'LL GET AWAY WITH A GEM OF A HAUL!



INTERRUPTION, PLEASE!

HOLD IT! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR--



YOU'RE NOT TAKIN' US ANYWHERE WITHOUT A FIGHT!

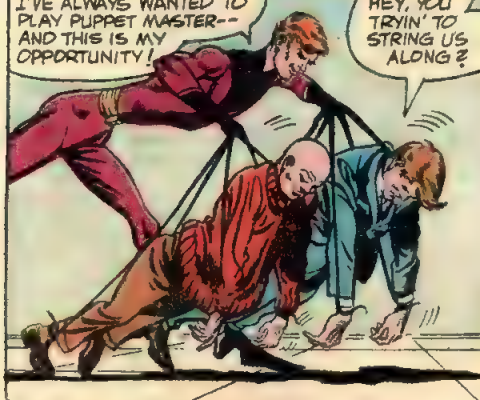
I GOT A KICK COMING TO ME, **ELONGATED MAN**-- AND HERE IT IS!



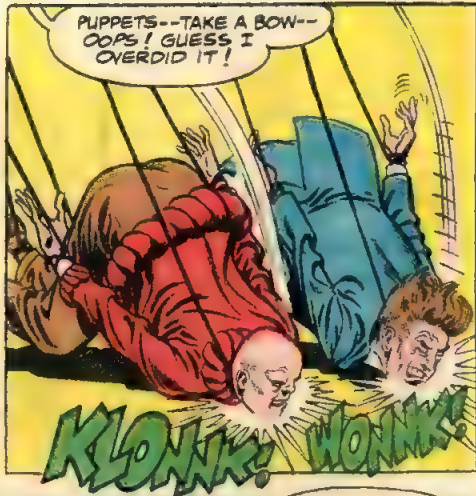
QUICKLY, THE FINGERS OF THE **STRETCHABLE SLEUTH** TIGHTEN AND LENGTHEN, UNTIL...

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY PUPPET MASTER-- AND THIS IS MY OPPORTUNITY!

HEY, YOU TRYIN' TO STRING US ALONG?



PUPPETS--TAKE A BOW-- OOPS! GUESS I OVERDID IT!



**KLONKK! WONKK!**

BACK YOU GO-- AND I'LL GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY!



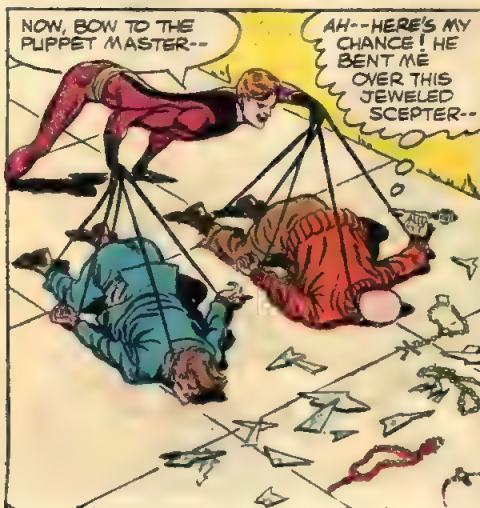
**THWAKK**

**BONKK!**

UGH! ELONGATED MAN-- YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR...

NOW, BOW TO THE PUPPET MASTER--

AH--HERE'S MY CHANCE! HE BENT ME OVER THIS JEWELLED SCEPTER--



AS THE SCEPTER-HOLDING CROOK WRENCHES HIMSELF FREE...

I CROWN YA KING OF THE RUBBER-BANDS!



**ZWAPP!**





AS THE DUCTILE DETECTIVE IS DAZED BY THE ROYAL CROWNING...

LET'S VAMOOSE BEFORE HE NABS US AGAIN!



THEIR HECTIC FLIGHT TAKES THEM INTO THE DOORWAY OF A NEARBY BUILDING...

WE'LL RUN IN THE FRONT HERE--AND BEAT IT OUT THE BACK WAY!

BY THE TIME THE ELONGATED MAN CATCHES UP--WE'LL BE LONG GONE!

THE STRETCHABLE SLEUTH GIVES CHASE IN HIS INIMITABLE STYLE...

SO THAT WHEN THE LOOTERS RUSH OUT THE BACK WAY...

AWK! HE'S BLOCKED US OFF WITH HIS HAND!

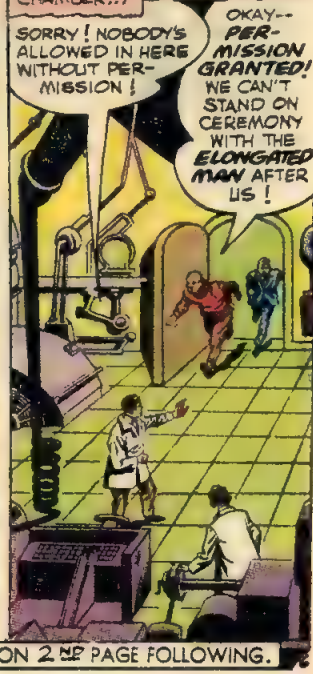
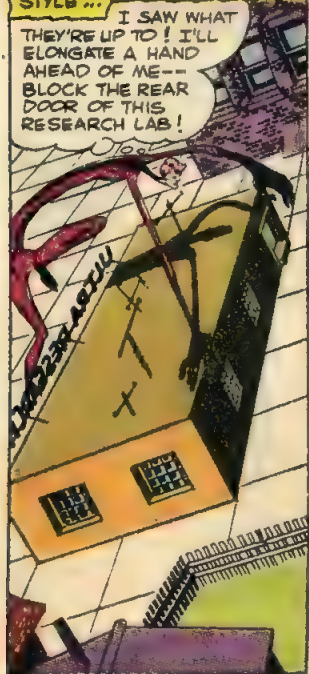
WE GOTTA FIND A PLACE IN THIS BUILDIN' TO HIDE!

I SAW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO! I'LL ELONGATE A HAND AHEAD OF ME--BLOCK THE REAR DOOR OF THIS RESEARCH LAB!

MOMENTS LATER, THE THIEVES BREAK INTO A RESEARCH CHAMBER...

SORRY! NOBODY'S ALLOWED IN HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION!

OKAY--PERMISSION GRANTED! WE CAN'T STAND ON CEREMONY WITH THE ELONGATED MAN AFTER US!



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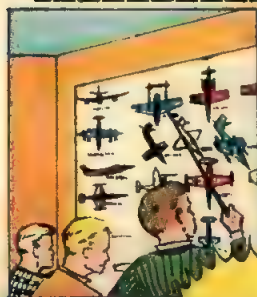
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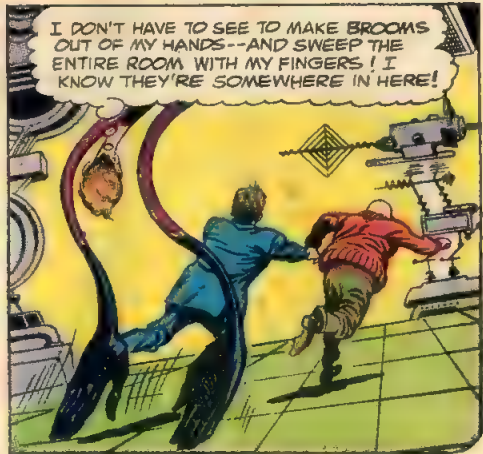
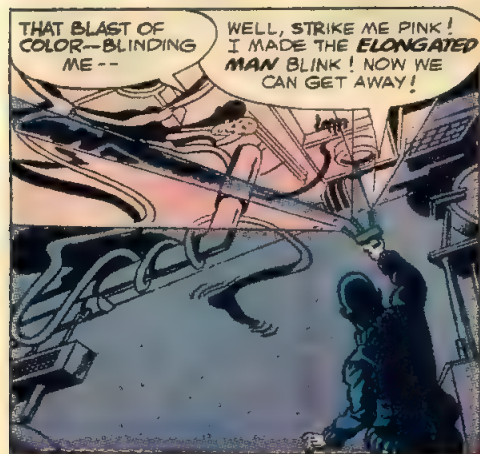
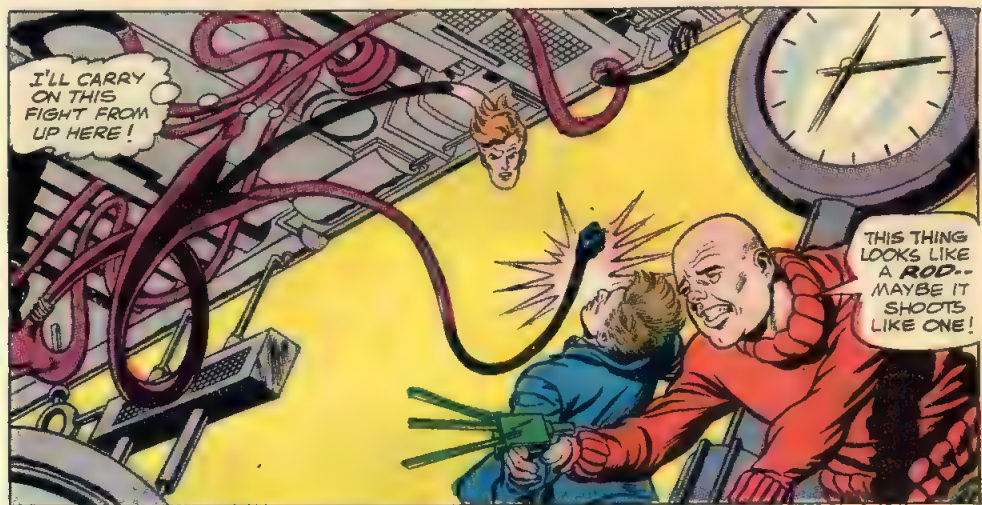
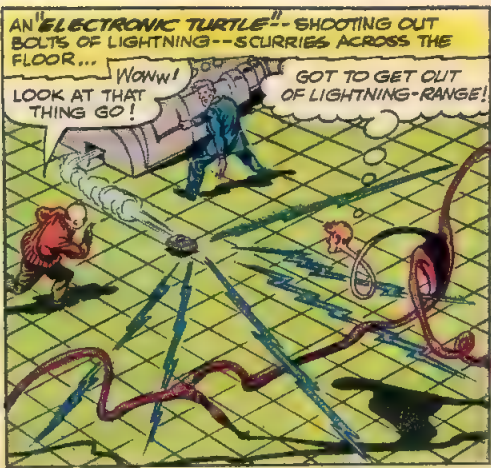
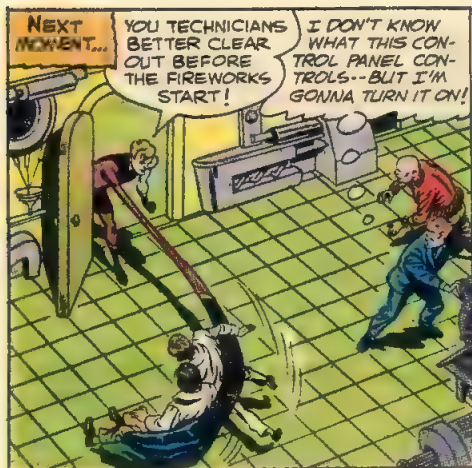
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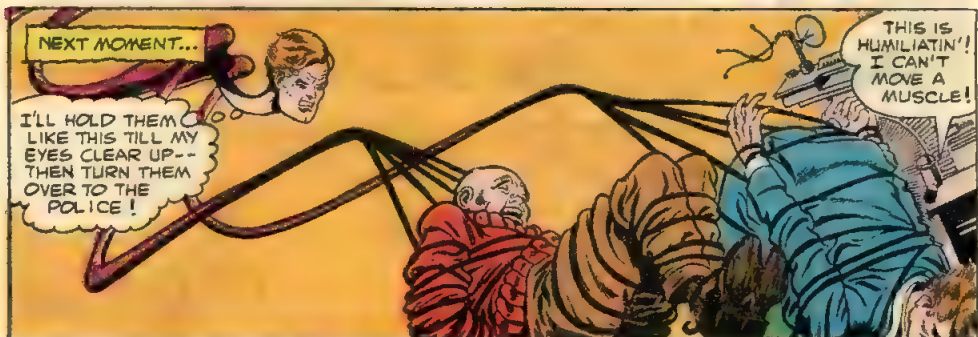
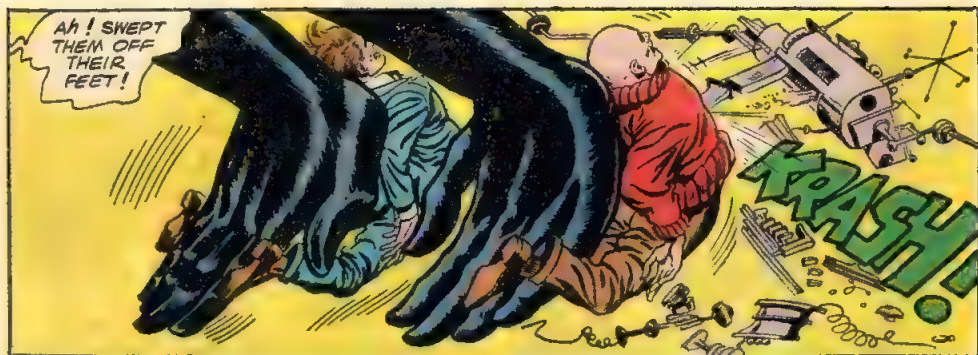
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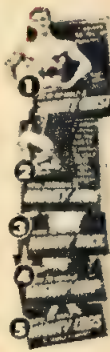
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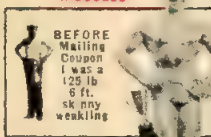
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# BATMAN'S HOT-LINE - EXTRA

Dear Editor:

There are a lot of comic fans in and out of my personal acquaintanceship who have viewed with total dread the upcoming premier of *Batgirl*. I can hear their hoarse, shrill voices now: "How many of these female counterparts to super-heroes must we endure? Here, in *Detective Comics*, we have a rough-and-tumble, blood-and-guts action mag threatened with being turned into an ad for lip-rouge and mascara!" Formerly, I counted myself among such unfortunates, but when DC 359 arrived, and I steel myself to read it, I found the ancient prejudices against female heroes cast from my mind like so much refuse.

This new *Gorgeous Gothamite* was a fantastic improvement over all the previous females who've latched onto the capetails of established male swash-bucklers. Just how I can safely say this is quite a mystery to me, since the Jekyll-Hyde type of character is as old as the field of super-heroes itself. But *Batgirl* appeals to my masculine ego... somehow the spectacle of this supposedly meek and helpless young female engaging in mortal combat with a hoard of swarthy crooks brings my blood to a fighting boil, gets the adrenalin going, and generally makes the whole yarn three times or more interesting and entertaining than if it were merely *Robin* or some other idol-worshipper type out there trading knocks with the wicker. "The Million Dollar Debut of *Batgirl*" was a credit to all concerned, author, editor and artists.

—Guy H. Lillian III, Walnut Creek, Cal.  
(Our favorite "Guy's" *Batgirl* plus, however, left his pal, "Castro Mike," non-plussed!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

DOWN WITH BATGIRL!

Yes, I am definitely *against* having any more *Batgirl*. Point one: *Batman's* strip is too overloaded with supporting characters, as is *Robin*, Alfred, Aunt Harriet and Comm. Gordon provide enough auxiliary personnel. One more would tip the scales even further in the wrong direction. Point two: the character of *BG* is far and away too unbelievable. A female Clark Kent-type is terrible! A plain-jane becoming *Batgirl* is as unlikely as Irene Vartanoff writing a crank letter. And then to have her be the daughter of Comm. Gordon! Anyone who watches the *Batman-TV* show knows that he is married, yet having a grown-up daughter is stretching literary license quite aways. Lastly, point three: I know if *BG* continues to exist, a romantic angle will be worked in somehow. And a romantic angle is definitely what *Batman* does not need! He functions much better playing the field. History has shown that steady girls for *BM* doesn't work. He's gone through four in his career (five if you count *Catwoman*). You have done tremendously lately by having *BM* unattached. Keep him that way.

—Mike Friedrich, Castro Valley, Cal.

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Dear Editor:

How about *Batgirl*! Va-va-voom! More, please! Infantino outdid himself on this *Pulchritudinous Prestidigitator*. To get the story, I was surprised and pleased when you revealed *Batgirl's* ID at the beginning instead of trying to drag it out till the end. And what an ID! Who'd ever have guessed that she'd be Comm. Gordon's daughter (brilliant). The re-introduction of *Killer Moth* was excellent. That about wraps it up except to tell you that if *Batgirl* (Infantino-Greene version) is not back immediately, I'll personally cross the ocean to DC and find out why!

—B. Stewart, Northumberland, England

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Dear Editor:

I'll make this letter short and maybe not-so-sweet!

No! No! No!!! I hate *Batgirl*! If I see *Batgirl* again I'll switch to Brand X!

—Charles Price, Stamford, Conn.

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Dear Editor:

Please take the *New Batgirl* out of *Detective Comics*! Instead—give *Batgirl* her own magazine!

—Robert Debeny, Toronto, Ont., Can.

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Dear Editor:

Yes, yes, YES! 100 times YES! *Batgirl* is the wildest and she should work with the *Dynamic Duo*! As for her costume, man, it's definitely cool.

—Steve Oatman, Hemet, Cal.

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Dear Editor:

*Batgirl's* so good I rank her with *Batman* evenly. I cast my vote to bring her back again and again. Maybe even give her some solo stories.

—Audis Williams, Varnado, La.

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Dear Editor:

Heck, I didn't even like your *first Batgirl*. This one is a *little* better, but still, let's just keep it *Batman* and *Robin*, okay? Now that the novelty has worn off, future stories would probably be less effective. Besides, a girl who dresses like "Plain Jane" but actually hungers for action sounds a little weird to me. I'll wager that her whole plan is not to thwart crime but to capture the love of *Batman*. There are other ways, dearie. Count this a "no" vote for a continuation of *Batgirl*.

—Frank Tower, Eustace, Tex.

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Dear Editor:

*Batgirl* is so astonishingly and stupendously costumed that not even my dictionary has greater words to describe her costume. She changes her costume faster than *Batman* and *Robin* ever could. You guys bring back *Batgirl*... or else!

—Marshall Clemons, Detroit, Mich.

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Dear Julie:

It occurred to me, while writing this issue's *Elongated Man* story, that your readers might want to know how I work out a story from an idea. In reading a recent issue of the *SCIENCE NEWS*, I came across an article on UHF (ultra high frequency) radio waves. These waves cause a change of behavior in rats and it is suspected they might do so with human-beings.

Perfect. Sue and Ralph visit a town where research in these UHF beams takes place, the beams cause people to give in to the silly little secret desires we all have...

Incidentally, for our science whizzes, this UHF radiation has been the subject of much study by Dr. Susan Korbel, psychology professor at the University of Arkansas. High intensity UHF radiation damaged body tissues. At low levels, UHF caused rats to become more active and more emotional! This was only a temporary effect. The rats soon went back to normal. Age had no bearing on the experiment, both young rats and old rats reacting in much the same manner.

The conclusion to these experiments was that UHF radiation at low levels could affect rats much as nerve gas might do. With more study, (this is my own idea) it might even be used to control their conduct... and maybe that's a story idea, too...

—Gardner Fox

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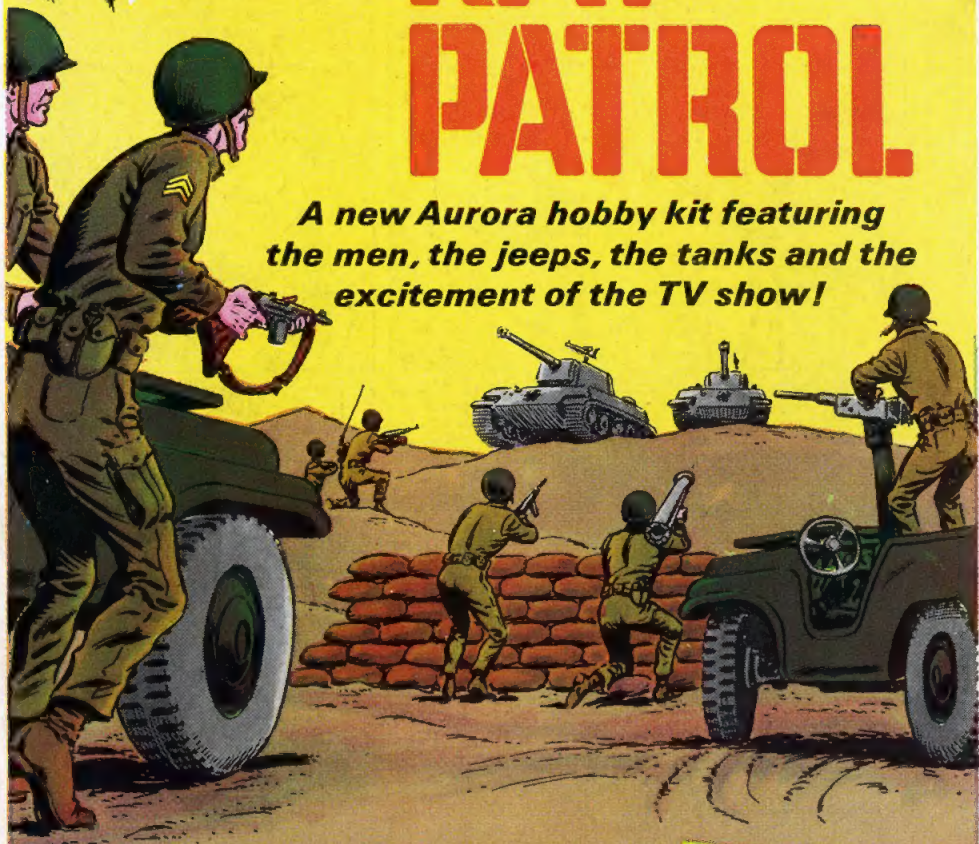
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